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Edsa bus bombing: 4 dead

Bomb left under seat of bus driven by Maximo Peligro

DEADLY BLAST

"WHO IS RESPONSIBLE? At this point all we can say is speculation," President Aquino said last night as he also disclosed that all intelligence agencies were in the process of identifying those behind the Edsa bombing that killed four, two instantly, and injured 13 others.

Killer's gun traced to ex-governor's aide



MEMORY LANE

P-Noy fondly remembers mom on her 78th birthday

Gerry, this one's for you, for Palawan, for country

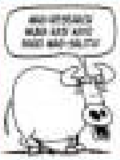
Robredo eyes carnap cohorts in gov't

OSG told to back off on Garcia

TRANSCRIPT

Garcia inked ₱200-million transaction





Tito, Bong, Migz get sermon from CBCP exec on death penalty

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WEATHER FORECAST

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Gov't makes new plea for EO1

SolGen asks SC to hold new arguments on truth commission

By [illegible]

THE GOVERNMENT yesterday appealed to the Supreme Court to hold another round of oral arguments on the truth commission, this time with amici curiae or friends of the court who could help thresh out the constitutionality of President Benigno Aquino's Executive Order No. 1.

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Spokesperson for Ampatuan trial considered

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Gov't OKs water rate increase

By Gil Cabacungan



Noynoy wanting in action on killings, says HR group





Julio G. Baranda; 64

Corrections

The Daily Gospel



Top execs, institutions enjoy high ratings–SWS





Binay bans weddings at Coco Palace

VP's residence

'Good idea'

Binay's lament



Where have all the birds gone? Not to Candaba



BIRDS IN CANDABA

Threatened by hunting

Water lily purge

'GUILTY OF GRAVE ABUSE'

On hold, customs appointee complains

Clearance


Live like a star
Sea
RESIDENCES
SM Mall of Asia Complex
365 days of shopping
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The good guys!
RESIDENCES

OSG told why it should back off on Garcia





'Weak' evidence

Without a lawyer

Ombudsman a no-show

Wife, two sons

Admission of guilt

Transcript of Mendoza's testimony: Garcia inked ₱200-million transaction

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Poor internal control

Accountability

Spurious documents

P-Noy fondly remembers mom on her 78th birthday

She planted seeds

Men in love

Coup incident

Killer's gun traced to Palawan's ex-gov's aide

Dangerous place

Impunity index

₱150,000 hit job

Vengeance killing

50 staffers killed

Edsa bus bombing: 4 dead, 13 injured

WHAT WENT BEFORE

Survivor thought a muffler backfired

Robredo eyes carnapping cohorts in government

Base of operations

Police searches

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Stricter test drive rules

Tito, Bong, Migz get sermon from CBCP exec on death penalty

Criminals smarter?

Correct weaknesses

'I'm pissed off'

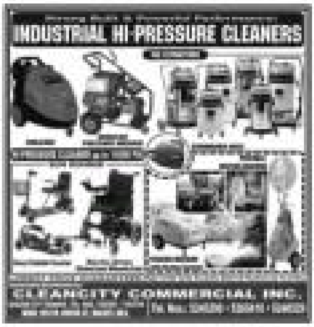
86 more Sokor kids have no study permits

By [illegible]

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No more unrestricted media access at airport

By DJ Yap

BEGINNING next month, journalists will be restricted from sensitive areas of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) as part of a radical change in security protocols at the airport terminals.

On Feb. 1, the all-access identification cards issued to reporters and photographers will expire and will be replaced by new ones that limit their access only to the arrival areas of the three Naia terminals, Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) General Manager Jose Angel Honrado said.

He said journalists would be required to ask for "on duty" passes for specific coverages from the MIAA's media affairs division, unlike in the past when they enjoyed access to virtually all areas of the terminals, including even the bridge.

The new protocol has drawn objections from several members of the airport press, but the authorities have insisted it is necessary to eliminate security risks.

Journalists' appeal

On Monday, a group of journalists met with Honrado to appeal their case, contending that the new policy would hamper their work, especially in filing late breaking stories. But the general manager said he could do little about it.

"I understand if they are disgruntled," Honrado said.

The IDs currently used by the journalists were supposed to have expired on Jan. 1, but Honrado granted them a month-long stay in the execution of the new policy.

The new access levels were also imposed on all airport workers in a bid to eliminate "facilitation" of passengers by the employees, sometimes in exchange for cash, as well as the act of fetching arriving relatives at the terminals.

Honrado said those who would be affected include all airport and airline personnel, and employees of government agencies such as the immigration, customs, quarantine bureaus, and the police.

He said too many people, even those who do not have business inside the terminal, have been enjoying unrestricted access to "exclusive areas." All access passes are now limited to Honrado, his assistants, and the terminal managers.

Honrado announced earlier that access passes for government officials would be limited to "the President, Vice President, Senate President, Speaker of the House, Supreme Court Chief Justice, ambassadors and heads of missions."

"None will be issued to their staff," he added.

Gerry, this one's for you, Palawan, the country



Date night

Greatest pain

What could I say?

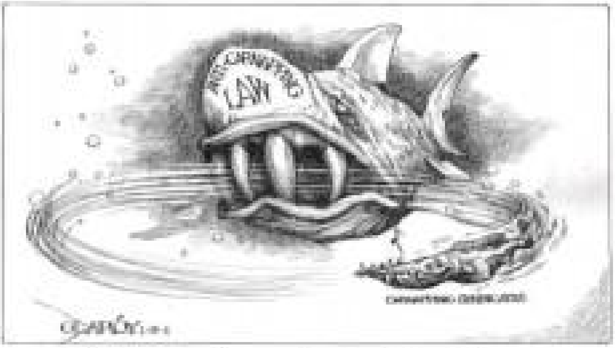
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OPINION

Rampaging crimes

EDITORIAL



Dilatory tactics on cheaters in poll cases

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

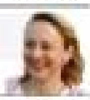
Healing

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

Sputnik redux

WORLD VIEW



Esther Dyson

Mice, men, rats

PINOY KASI



Michael L. Tan

A sexist ad and UST's 'elitist' beginnings

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

The original Santo Niño

LOOKING BACK



Ambeth R. Ocampo

Will Ampatuans be next to secure plea bargain?

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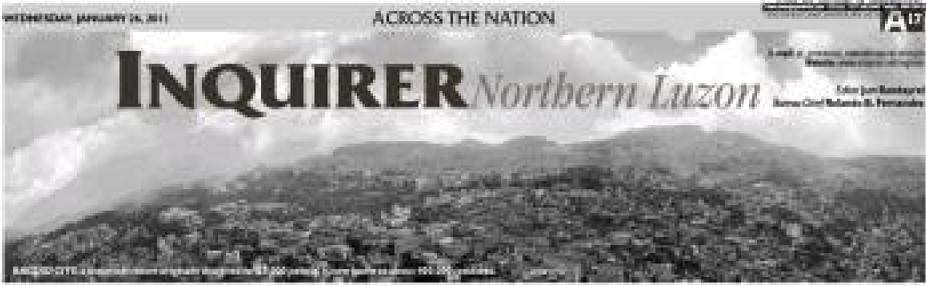
Efficient Comelec is not enough



Tough to detach window grills in burning buildings

Maxicare clarifies issues pertaining to sale of BDO shares in preneed firm

Coco levy benefits remain elusive



INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Resurrecting Burnham's plans



Pangasinan's Yoyoy Villame

PEOPLE



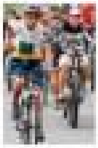
TAMAYO

Across the NATION

Mindanao peace consultations start

COTABATO CITY—Government representatives and Moro guerrillas started holding separate consultation meetings in preparation for the resumption of formal talks aimed at ending a separatist rebellion in Mindanao on the negotiating table instead of the battlefield.

Calabarzon PNP now hot on trail of bike thieves



Internet regulation reviewed in Lucena



Water agency buys Cabuyao bank for ₱780M

Villagers in landslide area evacuated to tents

N. Cotabato cops probe minors' role in crimes

West's late shot lifts Hornets over Thunder

SPORTS

Team owners' meet irons out all pending PBA issues

San Miguel eyes series equalizer



Smart Gilas yields to Syrian five

PSL sends swimmers, coaches to US

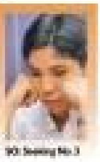


Freeman, Patriots eye ABL title slot tonight

Azkals hoping for big win vs young, raw Mongolia

Antonio rules World Slasher

Wesley tries to fuel surge vs Chinese GM



Roger cruises; Wozniacki sets semis tiff vs Li



ROGER Federer goes between the legs against Stanislas Wawrinka.

MisOr pugs dominate Abap nat'ls

ICTSI golf makes five new stops

PBA team owners finally meet

IN HUDDLE

Beth Celis



Diaz powers La Salle-Lipa in Toby's tilt

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Editor: Abelardo S. Ulanday

DID YOU KNOW

50 injured in demolition

By Miko Calleja

RESIDENTS living near the Pinaglabanan Shrine in San Juan City whose houses were scheduled for demolition yesterday were divided when former President Joseph Estrada arrived in the area following a violent confrontation that left around 50 people injured.



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NOTICE

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RE: REFORMS IN THE 2011 BAR EXAMINATIONS

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MMDA traffic scheme in place at 'killer highway'

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New MRT maintenance provider sought to ensure passenger safety

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50 injured . . .

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METROBRIEFS

Cops to charge 'dead' man

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No 3rd party in couple's deaths

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The WORLD

Editor: Lawrence B. Banza

Suicide bomber kills 35 in Moscow airport

MOSCOW—Terrorists struck again in the heart of Russia, with a suicide bomber 'blowing himself' up in Moscow's busiest airport and turning its international arrival terminal into a smoky, blood-spattered hall of dismembered bodies, screaming survivors and abandoned suitcases. At least 35 people were killed, including two British travelers.



A WOUNDED man is wheeled out of Domodedovo Airport on Monday after a suicide bomber blew himself up in the international arrival terminal. AP

Terrorist attack

Islamic militants

Scene of horror

'I heard loud bang'

AP

Extreme cold grips US Northeast

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WorldBriefs

Not guilty plea

Serial killer theory

Mexico drug war

Sex survey

Incandescent bulb

'Crop circle'

12 Somali pirates



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BUSINESS

PH economy grew 7-7.4% in 2010

Neda chief notes strong fourth-quarter expansion

ECONOMIC GROWTH likely surpassed the government's target in 2010 as services, industry and agriculture expanded strongly in the last quarter of the year, the National Economic and Development Authority said yesterday.

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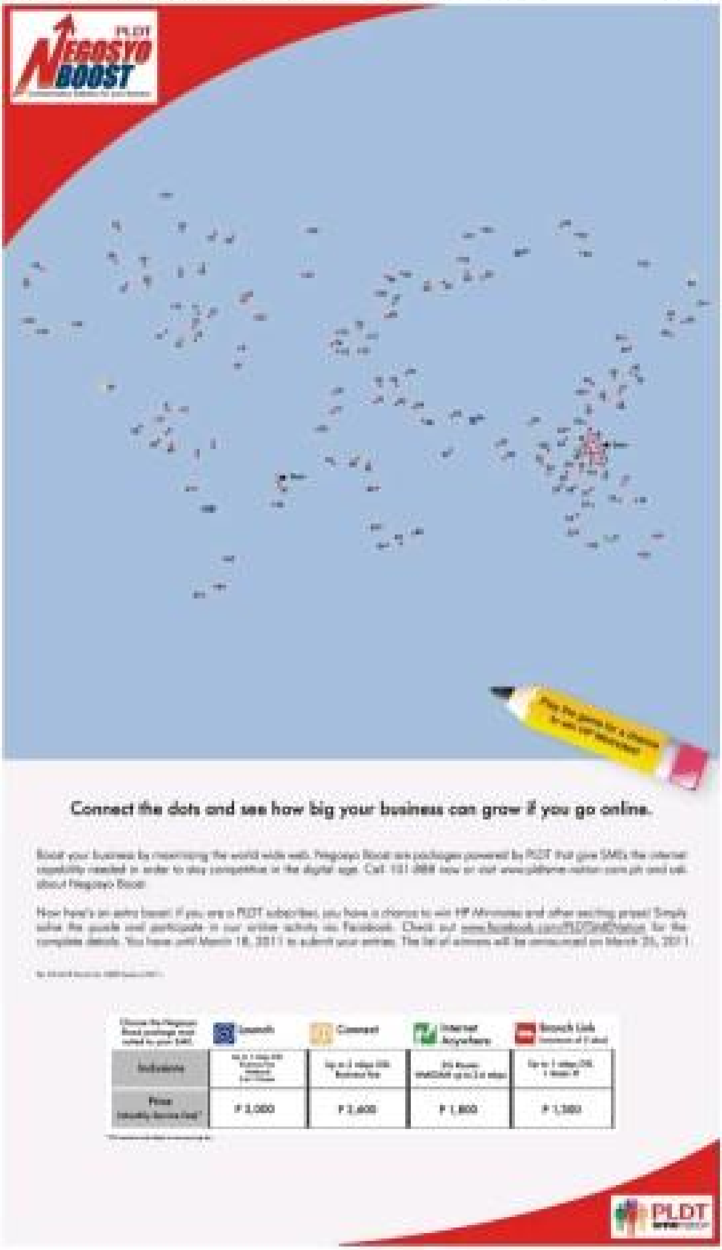
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Stocks and slide

STOCKS B2

IMF remains bullish on Asian economies for 2011, 2012



San Miguel unit raises $300M

Power firm's offshore bond issue to pay 7% a year

Firm eyes 7 wind power projects

Imports surged 35.3% in November

Neda chief notes strong 4th quarter

Stocks end slide

IMF bullish on Asian economies

Windfall from the dead

BIZ BUZZ
By the staff

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Global peso bonds get dumped

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New Makati high-rise rewriting rule in high-end home security

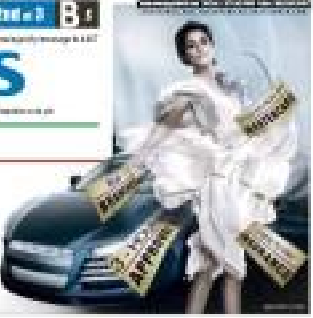
Already redefining privileged living standards with everything in quality, luxury and service, The Grand Midori Makati has another symbol of excellence, one that every cosmopolitan homeowner only dreams of —security that can rival, or even surpass that of five-star luxury resorts.

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1-bedroom unit at The Grand Midori Makati

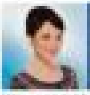
BUSINESS



Tariff rates seen for one renewable source at a time

Gov't hopes to spur power proponents to take their projects to the next level







PSEtrade PHILIPPINE ST

New trading system to help accelerate dev

By [illegible]

Buoyed by an upbeat mood and a generally positive business environment, the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) welcomed its new trading system aptly named PSEtrade which is expected to help accelerate the development of the country's bourse.

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Timing is right

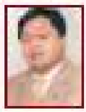
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OCK EXCHANGE REPORT

velopment of PH bourse

in trading rules and operations

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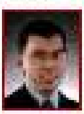
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THE PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.



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Chairman



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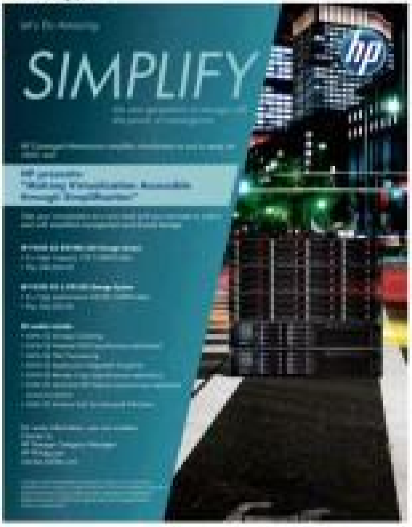
cancellation only, the rule on the immediate execution of an approved block sale, which aims to improve transparency and equity among participants; and the provisions for lifting the trading band. These were rules approved by the Board in 2009.

Modernizing the trading system

The plan to modernize the trading system actually began in August 2008 when the PSE signed the New Trading System License, Implementation and Maintenance Agreement with NYSE Technologies. In October 2009, the Exchange then engaged the services of Hewlett Packard Philippines Inc. to provide the computer servers, storage devices, and network components, including the set-up and installation in accordance with the recommended sizing for optimal use and security policies of the PSE. The PSE-HP team completed the infrastructure project by the end of 2009. On July 26, 2010, the PSE rolled out the new trading system.

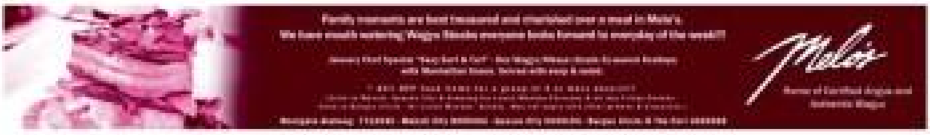
Since the roll-out of PSEtrade, average daily value turnover shored up to P5.9 billion compared with P4.11 billion in 2009 and P3.1 billion in 2008. Daily value turnover also hit a daily high of P30 billion in 2010, due in part to the new trading system. Executed trades also improved to 14,887 trades a day compared with 8,653 trades a day in 2009 and 5,724 in 2008.

"Technology now determines the competitive edge of one market against another. These reforms towards modernizing the Exchange brings us even closer to our aspiration of becoming world-class," Sison said.





BUSINESS



Execs may soon see last of excess perks

Malacañang to wrap up guidelines on incentives of officials in state firms

By Ronnel W. Domingo


ABAD

A MALACAÑANG committee is expected to wrap up this week a draft executive order that lays down guidelines on excessive perks enjoyed by some officials and employees of state firms, Budget Secretary Florencio B. Abad said yesterday.

Abad, who heads the Task Force on Corporate Compensation, explained that the order being prepared would spell out in detail the intentions of EO No. 7. The order directs the rationalization of the compensation and position classification system for government-owned and controlled corporations.

The Budget and Finance departments, as well as the Civil Service Commission, are represented in the task force.

The executive order calls for the suspension of all allowances, bonuses and incentives for members of board of directors or trustees of GOCCs, pending the issuance of policies and guidelines for such perks.

Also, an indefinite moratorium on increases in salaries, allowances, incentives and other benefits for GOCCs employees will take effect.

The task force "will have one last meeting in January to polish up the proposed EO," Abad said. "After that, it will be ready for President Aquino's signature."

"Essentially we agreed to put a halt on excessive monetary benefits that has long been shocking to the conscience," the budget chief said when asked what the draft EO would contain.

Abad has just come from a forum in Washington DC where he joined discussions related to International Open Government Initiative that US President Barack Obama is spearheading.

The proposed international movement stems from Obama's Open Government Initiative in the US. Under that initiative, the White House issued a directive to all executive departments and agencies of the US government to take urgent steps toward transparency, participation and collaboration.

Among topics tackled during the two-day forum were ideas that may be applied to promote transparency, fight corruption, energize civic engagement and leverage new technologies in pursuit of open governance.

Last week, Abad said that one reason why one country had lagged behind its Asian counterparts was its colonial tradition, which had been susceptible to patronage.

He said this was because official information had been sparse, and the space for people's participation in governance had been very narrow.

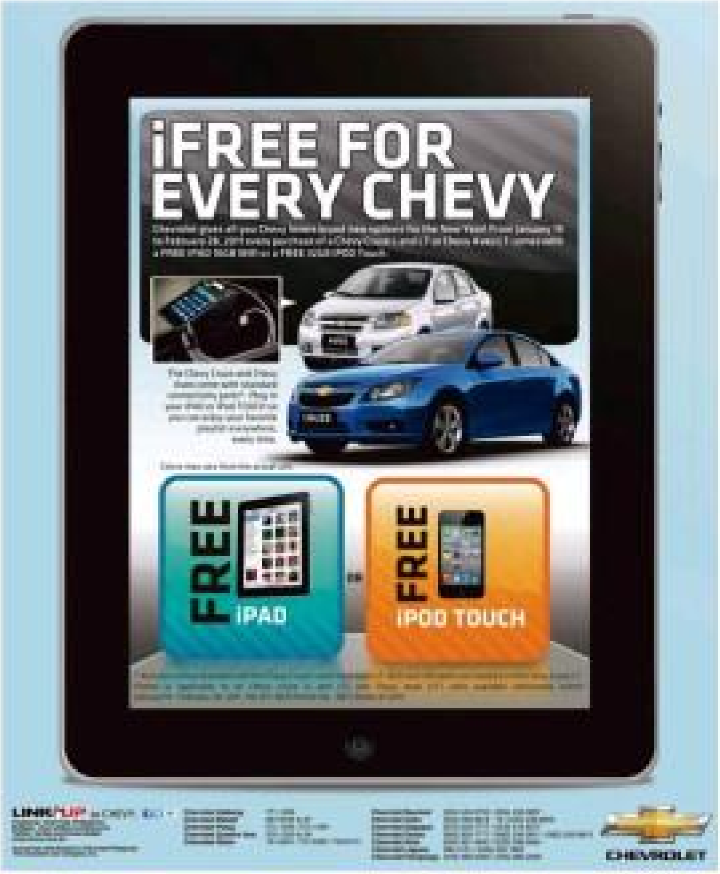
Abad added that policies towards good and open governance are at the top and center of President Aquino's 16-point Social Contract with the Filipino People, through which the Chief Executive pledged to be the nation's first and most determined fighter of corruption.

Abad also said that the next six-year, Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan, which is about to be finalized, will feature good governance and anti-corruption as part of the flagship agenda.

According to the National Economic and Development Authority, the ongoing preparation of the MTPDP for 2011-2016 is being done in a decentralized manner and ensures the importance of inputs from regions outside Metro Manila.









Thrift banks all set for hike in capital requirements

Existing CAR higher than prescribed by Basel 3

PSBank posts 46% profit growth

Ascott expands presence in PH



TNT Express invests P10M in re-fleeting

Demand for insurance products seen growing

Philippine Stock Exchange

Currencies

DTI project gets ₱320-M grant from Japan gov't

Cebu Energy, NGCP projects OKd

Transmission facilities, power plant to stabilize power supply in Visayas



SHELL EXEC MEETS WITH P-NOY

Court rules in favor of NTC on radio frequency issue

Business

Asian stocks rise on strong earnings reports

Worries over mounting inflation spook investors



Food, fuel prices unlikely to shake Federal Reserve from path

IMF says financial stability still at risk

Asia retailers see sales hop in Year of Rabbit

STOCKMARKET *Quarterly*



It's the season to be guardedly optimistic

'Buy selectively, trade cautiously'

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PHILIPPINE stock market soared to new highs for the second straight year in 2010, with 2011 seen being better given the broad consensus that the bourse would sustain the run-up through 2011.

The bulls appear to have slowed down recently after having gone so far, so fast in the last few months. But analysts note that this is healthy for the market to rest and muster enough strength before rising more.

In general, equities are still expected to outperform fixed income this year, especially now that the latter is seen to be more vulnerable to concerns over rising inflation throughout Asia.

Local stocks may still be on an uptrend in 2011 even if interest rates creep up from historically low levels. The main Philippine Stock Exchange index may establish this year a new peak at 4,800 to 5,000 from the end-2010 level of about 4,200, financial experts said.

The index last year gained 37.6 percent or 1,148.44 points, mostly during the mid-September to early November surge, extending the 63-percent climb in 2009. But what was dramatically different last year, particularly toward the latter part of the year, was the much higher participation of foreign investors as opposed to the domestically driven market in 2009. This resurgence of foreign investor appetite for local equities improved volume in the local market.

But the so-called rational exuberance toward the end of 2010 has waned. Some have chosen to lock up the huge gains made last year, resulting in an index pullback from the record highs of above 4,400. The days when everyone is easily a genius are gone, at least for now, and in this period of consolidation, investors will have to sift through stocks more carefully.

"This is a necessary consolidation phase that will allow us to then seek new highs because without this, it's difficult to give legs to the market," said Philip Frederick Hagedorn, ATR KimEng Asset Management investment director for equity portfolio.

"Some people are cashing in for now. It's been a great two years and there has been no consolidation since the start of the rally in May [2010]," he said, noting this should now be seen as a "welcome opportunity" for those who missed last year's run-up.

Hagedorn said the index would likely consolidate between 3,900 and 4,200 over the next few months but there would be a bigger chance of the index setting new highs in the second half of the year.

First Metro Investment Corp. vice president Eduardo Banaag Jr. said lower interest rates and reduced risk would still drive the index to a new record of 4,800 this 2011. He projected that equities would generate gains of 14 percent.

"Indicative of a consolidating economy, profits of listed companies will improve by 15 percent. Cash held will end the year at another record," Banaag said.

The FMIC executive said the market value of the 31 index companies would likely reach a new high of P5.4 trillion. Overall valuations as measured by the price-to-earnings (PE) ratio, Banaag said, would likely improve to 16.8x from only 14.2x at the end of 2010. A company trading on a PE ratio of 14.8x means that investors are willing to buy that stock for 14.8 times the amount of money that it is making in a given year as they believe that prospective earnings are much higher than past earnings.

"Like 2010, lower interest rates will help lift valuations. Unlike 2010, however, the track record of a stable Philippine economy will raise investors' confidence in Philippine equity and help valuations," Banaag said.

Theresa Marcial-Javier, head of the Philippine Islands senior vice president and head of asset management, said good economic and corporate fundamentals could support a further appreciation in most Philippine assets. She agreed that equities would still outperform on the back of a 10-15 percent sustained

/TO THE SEASON B2-3





Property stocks still hot in 2011

By Doris C. Dumlao

Eduardo Banaag Jr

Vice president, First Metro Investment Corp.



Jose Mari Lacson



Maria Arlyza Narciso and Prince Anthony Young

Analysts,



YOUNG

In investing, check out the 5Ps

Product

People

Prospects

What to look for

Inflow of foreign funds seen to be slow but sure

Money released through Fed's 'quantitative easing' expected to fuel asset rally in Asia

By Daxim Lucas
Contributor

AFTER BASKING in surging short-term inflows of cash from foreign investors last year, the Philippines is likely to see some slowdown this year, but a drying up of these capital inflows isn't in the cards.

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Bright prospects in Asia

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FOREIGN B3



INVESTORS study share prices at a private stock market gallery in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. According to ADB, Asia's asset markets will continue to lure in foreign capital due to the region's growth prospects.

StockMarket*Quarterly*

STOCK QUARTERLY

TOP 20 IN MARKET CAPITALIZATION RANK

TOP GAINERS JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2010

TOP LOSERS JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2010



Property stocks still hot in 2011

It's the season to be guardedly optimistic

Risks and opportunities

2010 in review

Inflow of foreign funds seen . . .

Risks still present

Good governance, PPP

In investing, check out . . .

Predictability

Price

‘Hot money’: A double-edged sword

Foreign capital surge exerts pressure on peso

High-trust rating

Lingering concerns

‘Quantitative easing’

Good for the market

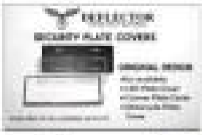
Cutthroat competition slashes telcos’ margins

Job cuts

‘Cutthroat’ pricing

Alternative revenue streams

ATR KimEng upbeat on capital markets in 2011



MOTORING



When being alarmed is just not enough





Redefining the subcompact



USER-friendly, upscale interior



ONCE an ugly duckling, the Accent has morphed into a swanky head-turner

ON THE ROAD



Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

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THE GASOLINE-FED 2012 Accent Blue 1.6-liter [illegible]

Hot-selling Fiesta also tops in safety

Ford Philippines' best-selling nameplate receives 5-star rating

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THE FIESTA equipped with Thule's bike and luggage systems

Making a deeper, long-lasting impact

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

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HYUNDAI Motor Co. [illegible]



BEFORE flying back home, student volunteers find time to leave messages to families whose homes benefited from their volunteer efforts.



AFTER a hard day's work, a Korean student relaxes with her newfound little friends.

Partners

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Longer lasting

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PPCC win caps big season for Ford-TRS

By Alvin Uy



THE FORD Focus TRS showing the way

New breed of carnappers



SKID MARKS

Botchi Santos







2 for 2



Automakers ride crest of momentum for 2011

Making its mark

Celebrating

Excelling here and abroad

Sister act

Rock-solid confidence

trending: green architecture





La Mirada: Crowning the Majesty of Mactan

trending: green architecture

The Home Depot awards the winners of Autoletto 2 promo



Seminar on making money in real estate



DMCI Homes raises standards of in-city living with Flair Towers

MANILA, Philippines – Living in the city has a charm that most urbanites cannot resist. A city address presents convenient options for access to everyday necessities, important places of work and leisure, plus the prestige that comes with residing in the city.

With the young modern family in mind, DMCI Homes is providing an option to the harried lifestyle of cosmopolitan dwellers. As a triple A builder-developer that brings serviced, themed communities within reach of urban families, the company is again introducing an innovative property development that is set to change the standards of in-city living.

Flair Towers is a two-tower high-rise residential condominium development located a few meters from EDSA across Reliance Street in Mandaluyong City. Nicknamed as the "Tiger City of the Philippines" and located in the heart of Metro Manila, Mandaluyong City is an ideal location for businesses and residential developments alike. It is bordered on the west by the country's capital, Manila; to the north by San Juan City; to the east by Quezon City and Pasig City; and by Makati City to the south. Being between the two biggest CBDs in the metropolis – Makati and Ortigas – Mandaluyong is a melting pot for businessmen and corporate individuals.

Standing on a 1.4-hectare prime property, approximately 75 percent of land area is allotted for amenities. This advantage presents another first for any DMCI Homes development. Flair Towers' tropical resort design offers two activity zones, the active play and pool zone.

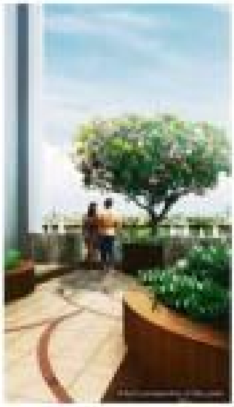
The active play area will feature a full-size basketball court, jogging trails, a kiddie playground and several cabanas to cater to the active lifestyle of city dwellers. The pool zone, on the other hand, will feature a lounge pool, a lap pool and a kiddie pool, to allow the residents and their family to get together and relax.

DMCI Homes presents another pioneering concept in high-rise living. Aptly named the Lumiventt advantage, this architectural building design offers the city condo dwellers a unique glimpse of suburban living right within the metropolis.

A combination of several building design features that maximize the natural benefits of "light" (lumen) and air (ventus), the Lumiventt design technology allows light to enter and fresh air to freely circulate among common areas and even in the residents' individual units.

Employing single-loaded corridors, three-storey high sky patios at the front and back of each building, breezeways at the end of each floor and central atriums every five floors, this design technology allows the high-rise buildings to "breathe" and spares the residents from the restrictive effects of living in concrete surroundings.

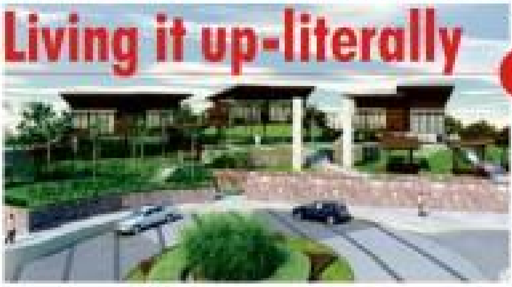
Live the resort life in your private urban retreat right in the heart of the Mandaluyong CBD. For more information, call DMCI Homes at [illegible] or visit their website at www.dmcihomes.com.







Living it up-literally



Why getting a mountainside home is an investment you'll appreciate in the future





Experience the best condo living at One Capitol





I-Asia at Home Depot

FLAIR TOWERS

Picture a condominium development atop 1.4 hectares of prime realty, approximately 1 hectare of which is occupied by resort-like open-air leisure amenities, including three swimming pools, a jogging path, a pavilion, a landscaped garden, a picnic grove, and many more. Aside from the outdoor amenities, you can unwind at a fitness gym, game room, music room and bask in the splendor of the Observatory, a plaza park located at the roof deck, where a sky lounge and view decks beckon.

Imagine entering your unit, and being treated to a generous inflow of natural light and wind, made possible by the revolutionary Lumiventt design technology.

Finally, imagine it being in the heart of the Mandaluyong Central Business District (CBD), in walking distance from commercial centers and business hubs.



You would call it
AMAZING.

We call it
FLAIR TOWERS.

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LIFESTYLE Parenting

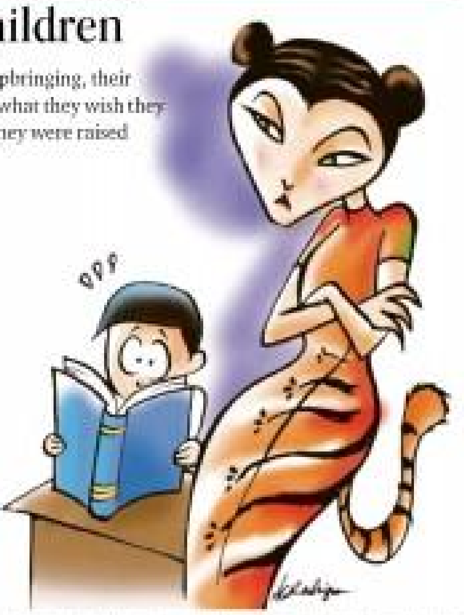
The controversial Tiger mother–the Pinoy connection



Amy Chua is Chinese, her husband is American, they raised their children in the US. What does the story of the 'Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother' have to do with you? A lot more than you think

Confessions of 'tiger' children

They spoke to Lifestyle about their upbringing, their relationship with their parents, and what they wish they could have changed about the way they were raised



James, 22

Furor over Chinese parenting style

ROOTS AND WINGS



'Look, Mommy, your daughter is ready for school!'



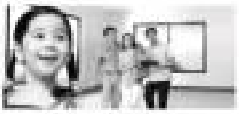
It's never too early to search for the perfect preschool, as many of the popular ones require a six-month reservation period

Audrey Tan-Zubiri
Contributor



Furor over Chinese parenting style

BDO: Working with you for the loan you want with terms you can afford



BDO HOME LOAN

BDO AUTO LOAN



Dr. Honey Carandang on the non-negotiables of good parenting



Where have all the coins gone?

THE CONSUMER

License renewal

Deteriorating service

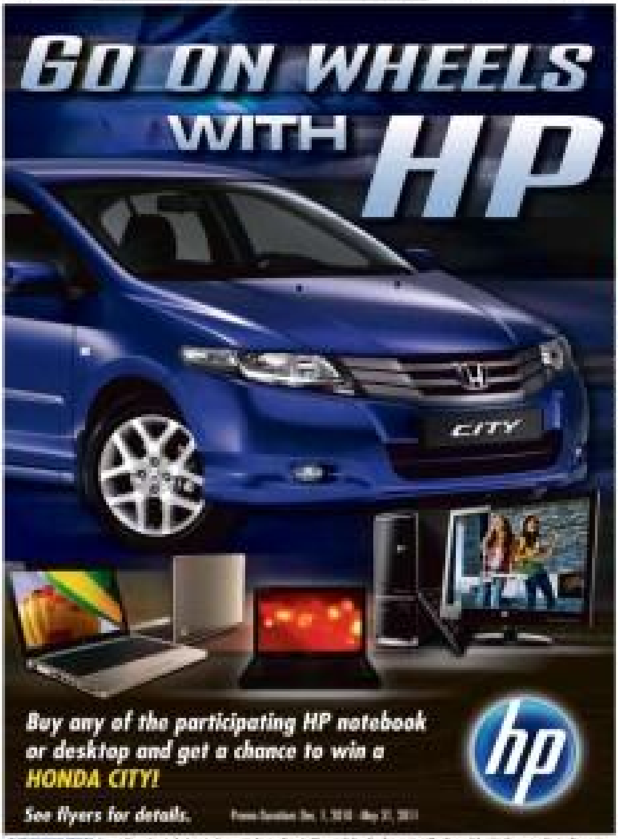
> It is the merchant's responsibility to have enough small bills and coins so as not to shortchange customers

Consumers need educating

Parenting workshop set Feb. 17

WHAT'S UP

Healing session





Horticulture show





LIFESTYLE *Home & Entertaining*

Don't put pear on the table on Feb. 2—it means separation

What the Year of the Rabbit holds for your love life—and fortune



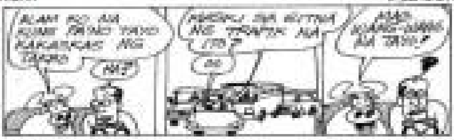
ON FEB. 2, fill your dining table with fruits, particularly pineapple, pomelo, orange, apple, banana, grapes and dragon fruit, to attract money, harmony and prosperity. And, who doesn't want that?

Zodiac luck

GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS



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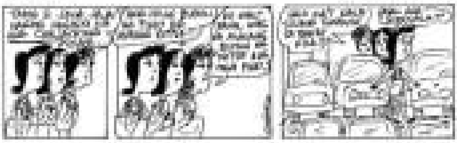
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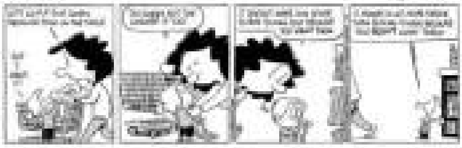
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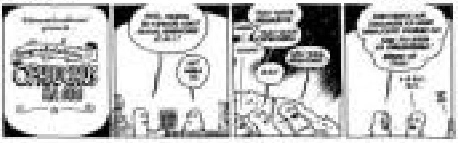


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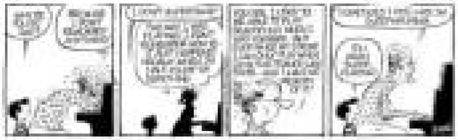


BABY BLUES — BY JERRY SCOTT



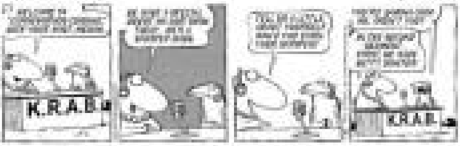


BEN — BY DANIEL SHELTON





SHERMAN'S LAGOON — BY JIM TOOMEY





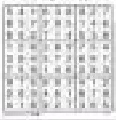
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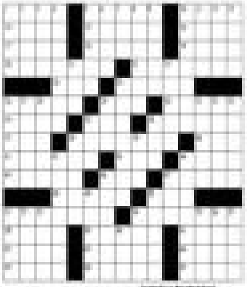
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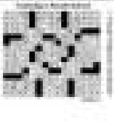
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE





Do-it-yourself D.I.Y.

An old magic carpet gets a new life

Turn worn-out area rugs into ottoman or pillow covers



Don't put pear on the table on Feb. 2—it means separation





Clashing signs

Countdown

Lucky décor for the Year of the Rabbit















THE HONOREE'S mother Tessie Oca Prieto, Tatler's Anton San Diego and hostess of the happening, Doris Magsaysay Ho



WORLD-CLASS accessories and handbag designer Tina Ocampo with Ricky Zobel



NARESH and Sharmila Mansukhani



ALEXANDRA Ho Cruz, Criselda Monares, Irene Marcel Francisco, Joey Cruz, Eduardo Fuentes, (seated) Marc Tosoro, Vicki Belo, Anton San Diego and Raffa Gutierrez



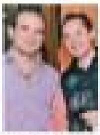
KAREN Santos and host, Rikoo Ocampo



DR. JAYTE and her husband, Dr. Z Teo



FERNANDO and Kit Zobel

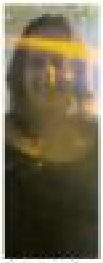


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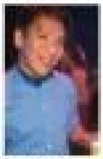


KIT Zobel, Mela Garcia, Laurie Westfall, Anton SD, Dedrick, (seated) Lianne Cojuangco, host and Carol Garcia

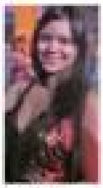
A chi-chi birthday bash for Anton



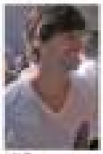
RAY-BAN asst. GM of Breaded Lifestyle, Inc. Devi Lozano



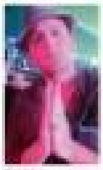
THINELINE president Frank Briones



YOUNG & deee Tessa Dragon



UK Singh



SARAH Hariani

THE HIGH-END village set got together for one of their pals and ultra-overachiever Anton San Diego, Tatler's editor and part owner of the popular Establishment at the Fort, who was given a belated birthday happening by his close friends Doris Ho and Rikoo and Tina Ocampo at Doris' chi-chi home, dahlings. There was his mom, adorable Tessie Oca Prieto, plus Anton's IS classmates Kit Zobel, Laurie Westfall and Mela Garcia.

It started with cocktails, followed with an excellent by prepared dinner by that awesome modern Japanese restaurant, Kai, which had viscious women of substance Vicki Belo swearing so that "I'm definitely going to get them to cater for my dinner party at home," while going for second servings of everything, pakanggan.

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache



Photos by Alex Van Hagen
powered by

Other guests included Paksi and Bella Elizalde, stunningly gorgeous gals Ines Ayala, Carol Garcia and Celine Lopez in a sleek Lanvin cocktail outfit, Miguel and Claudia Tambunting, Raffa Gutierrez with her smashing escort Eduardo Fuentes, popular businessman Mikey Cojuangco, and Joey and Marissa Concepcion.

Arriving late-ish were Swedish Queen Virgie Ramos and Tessa and Dennis Valdes, all getting into the karaoke mood, Anton's favorite pastime, dahlings.

Cheers, pakanggan, may you have tons more blessings to come.

Nine West's new direction

While the holiday party season is simmering down, dahlings, the rush of events and launches are on a roll. Another internationally acclaimed talent, Bacolod boy and now New York-based designer and our pakanggan Rafé Totengco, was appointed the brand's new creative director of handbags for Nine West, no less, by the Jones Apparel Group. It's his latest title, along with loads of other awards he has, oh, Puggod, such as being one of the 2010 Filipino Presidential Awardees recognized by President Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino in the "Pamana ng Pilipino" category for "bringing the country honor and recognition through excellence and distinction in the pursuit of his work."

StyleBible.ph, Preview Magazine's online counterpart and Stores Specialists, Inc. (SSI) threw Rafé T. a mega bash at Members' Only, led by StyleBible.ph's Isha Andaya, together with Preview magazine's editor Pauline Juan and the Rustan Group's owner and donor, Michael Huang, dahlings.



IN-DEMAND world-class DJ Bob Sinclair had the Trade Center rocking

Rafé Totengco is Nine West's new handbag hotshot



DENNIS Dumonali, Arty Jaranosa, Jacky Barrameda, Jannie Regacea and Leagle Mai and David Gelman

"We are thrilled to welcome Rafé to the Jones family of talent," said Richard Dickson, president and chief executive officer of branded businesses at Jones Apparel Group. "Rafé's gift for world-class design, combined with Jones' resources and brands, will take our handbag business to new heights."

Rafé T.'s responsibilities will include most top products, with an initial focus on the Nine West and Vintage America lines.

Nine West is exclusively distributed by SSI at Rustan's Makati, Power Plant Mall, Glorietta, Bonifacio High Street, Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Megamall, SM The Block, Eastwood Mall, Gateway Mall, Trinoma, Alabang Town Center, SM Mall of Asia, Robinson's Midtown, Marquee Mall Pampanga and Ayala Center Cebu.

Feel the love from Ray-Ban

When it comes to sunglasses, without batting an eyelash, I'd go for the world-renowned Ray-Bans, dahlings. Their styles are timeless and quality is the closest to perfection.

So when I received an invite for the 2011 Ray-Ban big bash, I dashed to the performance of Grammy-nominated producer and one of the world's top DJs, Bob Sinclair, who popularized hits like "Love Generation," "Hold On," "Lala Song" and the now chart-topping hit "Tik Tok." He blew our socks off as we rubbed elbows with thousands of our town's party animals at the World Trade Center.

"We wanted to start the year with a bang, and what better way to do it than to party with the most iconic eyewear in the world, Ray-Ban," said the vivacious Devi Lozano, assistant general manager of BLI, dahlings.

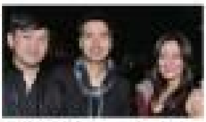
The event was a production of Dream and Avant Asia.



PREVIEW magazine's editor in chief Pauline Juan, Louis Claparols, couturier and bag designer Rafé Totengco and StyleBible.ph's Isha Andaya



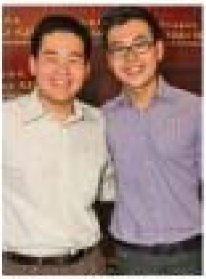
CLAIRE Barbarik, Pordo Santos, Jon Pablohan and Soyeon Chi



VINCE Uy, Rafé Totengco and Ricky Qua



ICON couturier Christian Espiritu



YOUNG entrepreneurs and achievers Weiser Co and Linford Yap brought Wee Nam Kee to the country's hottest restaurant destination.

A Manila welcome for Singapore's favorite chicken rice

An incredible star-studded opening led by brilliant owners Linford Yap and Weiser Co at the environment-friendly Ayala Triangle Gardens in the heart of Makati City marked the first-ever international franchise of Wee Nam Kee, no less, outside of Singapore.

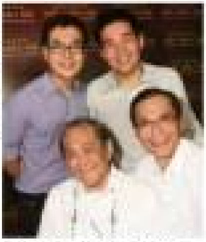
The original owners of Wee Nam Kee, Wee Toon Ouut and his son Wee Liang Lian, joined in for the formal inauguration of its renowned store. TV host and DJ Mo Twister introduced Singapore Ambassador to the Philippines Ampalavanar Selvarajah and Singapore Tourism Board Philippines area director Lynette Seow, who said, "We are so proud for Wee Nam Kee, Singapore's best chicken rice, to finally have a home in the Philippines."

Boss about the popular chicken rice dish, which has become a household name in Singapore, had real drooling over to this hottest foodie haunt. Been there? Not it! And will be back for more food thrills. But be prepared to line up to get in, pakanggan.

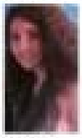
Check out this landmark and delicious chicken rice, plus the popular social program that Singapore is famous for at Wee Nam Kee. Check them out on Facebook or www.facebook.com/WeeNamKeePH updates.



WEE Nam Kee founder Wee Toon Ouut and his son, Wee Liang Lian led the ceremonial toast to mark the opening of Wee Nam Kee Philippines, with Singapore Tourism Board Philippines area director Lynette Seow and Singapore Ambassador Ampalavanar Selvarajah



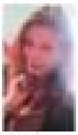
THE gang of host Linford Yap, Weiser Co, original Wee Nam Kee owners Wee Toon Ouut and Wee Liang Lian



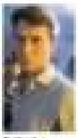
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LIANE Padrones



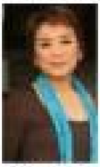
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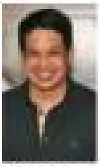
ORRR Cotari



FRANK Garcia, Sarah Meier and Marc Abaya at the opening



MEGA news anchor Cel Ortiles



EVENT host Mo Twister

ENTERTAINMENT

Pretty girls caught in the act

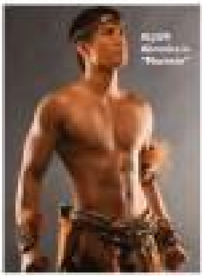


RUSHES

By the Entertainment Staff

PRETTY STARLET has long been rumored as a card-carrying resident of the Isle of Lesbos.

Another shocker



Hunk in transit

Pie's proper





OPENING TODAY

Rindido

Directed by Nestor M. Jardin; stars Nestor M. Jardin, ...

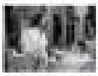


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Love and Other Drugs

Directed by Edward Zwick; stars Anne Hathaway, Jake Gyllenhaal, ...

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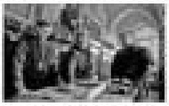


ANNE Hathaway and Jake Gyllenhaal

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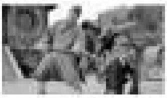
Season of the Witch

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NICOLAS Cage, center, as Behmen in "Season of the Witch"

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JACKIE Chan in Shaolin

Shaolin

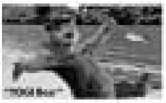
Directed by Benny Chan; stars Andy Lau, Jackie Chan, Nicholas Tse, ...

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Yogi Bear

Directed by Eric Brevig; stars Dan Aykroyd, Justin Timberlake, Anna Faris, Tom Cavanagh, TJ Miller, ...

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"YOGI Bear"







Pretty girls caught...



Multi-tasking Mega

Best Asian Model

'Machete' woman

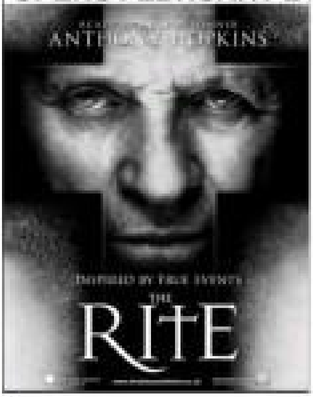
Happy birthday!

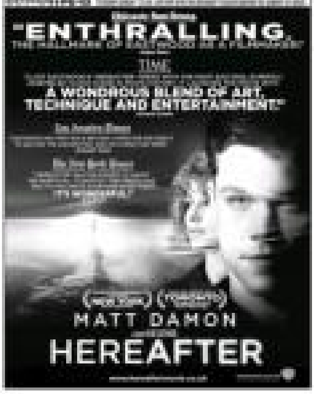
Top 10 films at the US box office





WHO'S THAT GIRL?





War and peace...

No bitter rivals

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PRECIOUS Lara Quigaman

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Latest 'victim'

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Values awards

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Defining love

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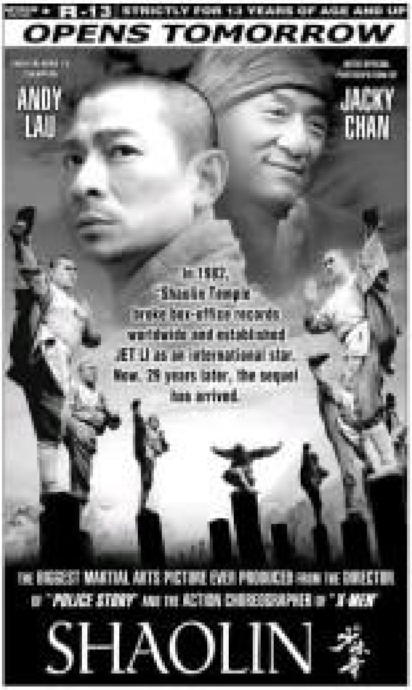
iTunes' top 10 selling singles and albums of the week

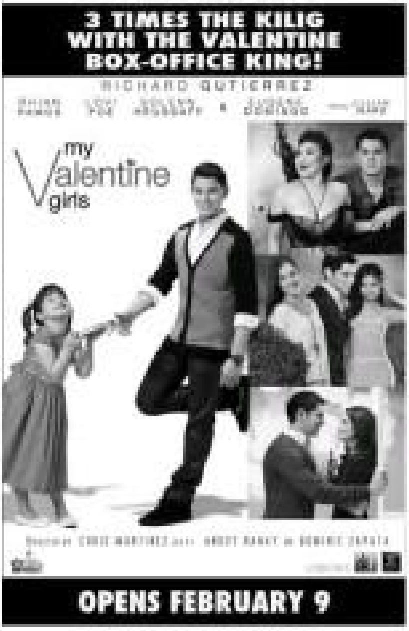
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War and peace, show biz style



DOLLY WOOD



Dolly Anne Carvajal